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***\$1.5 MILLION GRANTS TO GO TO RURAL HEALTHCARE FACILITIES  
Grants Will Promote Implementation of the Health-e Connection Roadmap***

PHOENIX—Governor Janet Napolitano today announced the distribution of \$1.5 million under the Rural Health Information Technology Adoption (RHITA) Grant Program. The seven awardees demonstrated high levels of partnership, collaboration, strategic planning and implementation of e-health programs. These grants are part of the implementation efforts of the Health-e Connection Roadmap developed in response to Executive Order 2005-25.

“These grants are an important part of the effectiveness of the Health-e Connection Roadmap,” said Governor Napolitano. “Communities will be able to update medical systems, which will mean better health care for rural Arizona.”

The RHITA Grant Program facilitates the adoption of health information technology by Arizona’s rural health care providers. This leads to greater quality and efficiency in their health care delivery, enables health information exchange with other providers, and lowers Arizona’s health care costs. The program is managed by the Government Information Technology Agency.

There were 21 applicants from around the state. The following is a summary of the awardees for FY 2007:

- Mariposa Community Health Center, Inc. - Grant amount: \$375,000. Primary location: Nogales
- Chiricahua Community Health Centers, Inc. - Grant amount: \$250,000. Primary location: Elfrida
- Copper Queen Community Hospital - Grant amount: \$150,000. Primary location: Bisbee
- Benson Hospital - Grant amount: \$200,000. Primary location: Benson
- Community Behavioral Health Services - Grant amount: \$200,000. Primary location: Page
- Northern Cochise Community Hospital - Grant amount: \$200,000. Primary location: Willcox
- Marana Health Center - Grant amount: \$125,000. Primary location: Marana